

Appln. No.: 10/700,548
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method of producing an implant loaded with a pharmaceutical active produced by providing a coated implant having a coating of cross-linked water-swellaable polymer matrix on its external surface, the cross-linked water-swellaable polymer matrix comprising a polymer having pendant zwitterionic groups and pendant cationic groups. After providing the coated implant, then contacting the coated implant with a solution or dispersion of a pharmaceutical active in a solvent whereby the pharmaceutical active is absorbed into or adsorbed onto the polymer matrix.